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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Fannie G. "Chico" Jones of East St. Louis on Friday, May 21, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was educated in the public schools of East St. Louis; she received her bachelor's degree from Tuskegee University and her master's degree from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was an educator at the Franklin Grade School, teaching first grade until she entered the political arena as the first African American to run on a Statewide ticket for elected office, when she ran for Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, For 54 years, Mrs. Jones provided the young people of East St. Louis with an appreciation for the outdoor wonders; she founded a two-week camp that served the needs of over 15,000 young people and was the only African-American group at Camp Ouatoga; she was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Fannie G. Jones has been deeply felt by many, especially her son, Coach Carlton J. Jones; her granddaughter, Shenise D. Jones; her grandson, Carlton J. Jones, III; her sister-in-law, Harriet M. Jones; her foster brother, Maurice (Helen) Sharp; her nephew, Dr. Aaron (Dr. Rozalynn) Phillips; her nieces, Tunya P. Robinson, Stephanie E. Jones, and Pamela Jones; her special cousin, Jackie Gandy Johnson; and her many cousins, great-nieces, and other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Fannie G. "Chico" Jones, and we extend our

1 deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and
2 loved her; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Fannie G. "Chico" Jones as an
5 expression of our sincere condolences.